Written by: Paul

When: around 43-50 C.E.

This is the **earliest letter** we have from Paul

It may be the **oldest** writing we have from the early church

Paul writes this letter with 2 co-workers:

1. Timothy
2. Silvanus

Thessalonica (now called **Northern Greece**):

* A capital city of the Roman province of Macedonia
* People in the city honored Julius Caesar as “God”
* People worshipped Emperor Octavian as a “son of God”

Question: “Hey, Paul. What happens to Aunt Myrtle after she’s died before Jesus’ second coming?”

Answer: “Do not grieve. The dead in Christ are not forgotten. On the last day, they will rise.”

*In the face of death, God (through Christ) gives us hope.*